the Assistant Excise Commissioners during their periodical inspections. This was found to be unsatisfactory and inadequate I had sent my Statistical Officer to several of the Customs Houses to find out leakages of revenue. Every time he went he found out some leakage. Under these circumstances, it is proposed to have trained staff who have some practical working knowledge of Sea Customs and Land Customs law to audit the Customs Revenue. We have been able to collect about Rs. 2,000 by this occasional audit. These men will go round the several Customs Houses and do audit work. There is a lump sum provision of about Rs. 3,000 for the reorganised scheme. Out of this, the pay of the seven clerks of my office has to be met. There is a balance of about Rs. 1,330. A sum of Rs. 1,345 is required for meeting the pay of the remaining clerks. I may add that this matter was discussed threadbare in the Finance Committee. I was cross-examined and re-examined.

PRESIDENT: The proceedings of the Finance Committee cannot be disclosed here.

MR. M. P. JOSEPH: All that I wish to say is, that this matter was threshed in the Finance Committee. I may assure the members that the money which you are asked to vote now, will not be wasted, ill-spent, and that it will bring additional revenue to Government. I put the motion for the acceptance of this House.

PRESIDENT: The motion before the House is that a sum of Rs. 3,845 be granted under Demand VII—Excise, for the reorganisation of the Statistics Branch in the Excise Commissioners Office, and for the construction of buildings for holding the office and the Guard Posts in the Palkulam Salt Factory.

The Demand was put to vote and carried. The grant was made.

DEMAND XVII—INDUSTRIES—INCLUDING CLAY REFINING AND PORCELAIN FACTORY.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 30,000 in the Budget of the Ceramic Factory for completing the works allotted to the P. W. D. at Kundara, and for paying for the works already completed but not paid for. As it was expected that the work of construction would be completed before the end of 1113 no provision was made for this work in the budget for the year 1114. For these reasons I request that the members will be pleased to sanction this Demand.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know what amount was spent last year for this work?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: The total estimated cost of the construction of the several buildings including wharf and jetty for the Clay Refining and Porcelain Factory at Kundara, amounts to Rs. 1,67,982.

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The Demand was put to vote and carried.
The grant was made.

DEMAND XXVI—PORTS.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 1,450 for the reconstruction of the kitchen and corridor in the Marine Bungalow at Alleppey. The reason for this is that during a heavy squall and storm, some trees fell on and damaged the kitchen attached to the Marine Bungalow. The work is an urgent one, and as funds are not available for the purpose in the sanctioned budget of the Marine Department, a supplementary demand for Rs. 1,460 for meeting the works is necessary.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN: ഈ പണി നടത്താൻ പോകുന്നതു ഈ നാട്ടിലെ സാധാരണ തേക്കു തടി കൊണ്ടോ അതല്ല ആസ്സ്ടറ് ചെയ്ത തടി കൊണ്ടോ?

MR. G. B. E. TRULCOTT: Sir, I do not think it is.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: ഈ കിച്ചനിൽ എത്ര ആളുകൾക്കു ഭക്ഷണം കഴിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ളതാണു അതു വയ്ക്കുന്നതു?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: It is for the reconstruction of the kitchen and corridor that money is now asked for.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: May I know for how many persons the kitchen would prove useful?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: It is a reconstruction and intended for the Port Officer, his family and his servants.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: Can the honourable member say the approximate number by whom the kitchen could be used?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: That depends on the Port Officer at the time.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORAARAKAN: എന്റെ ചോദ്യത്തിനു ഉത്തരം പറഞ്ഞില്ല.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I have already answered his question.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: I could not hear a single word of what Mr. Truscott has stated.

PRESIDENT: In answer to Mr. Kesava Pillai's question what the Chief Engineer said was that the question of accommodatoin will depend on the Port Officer at the time.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: I would like to know from the honourable member what the Port Officer was using for kitchen since the building was damaged?

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI: May I know from the member what was the Port Officer doing for the purpose of kitchen?

MR. G B E. TRUSCOTT: I do not know. But I know that during a heavy squall and storm some trees fell down and completely wrecked the kitchen.

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